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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIR FREIGHT UP 9.7% IN MAY

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 21, 1989 -- Air freight increased 9.7 percent in May, compared to May a year ago, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in May rose 7.5 percent. Mail increased 2.7 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, registered a 6.6 percent again.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers was up 12.0 percent in May. Mail increased 9.1 percent, and the total international cargo had a gain of 11.7 percent.

In the first five months of this year, domestic air freight increased 6.5 percent. Mail had a gain of 1.5 percent, and the total cargo rose 5.4 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight during the first five months of 1989 was up 15.9 percent. Mail gained 8.4 percent, and total cargo rose 15.3 percent.

Note: The revised cargo traffic statistics for April are included with this release.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MAY	1989	421,005	104,247	525,252	405,490	37,127	442,617	826,495	967,869
MAY	1988	391,472	101,490	492,962	362,081	34,040	396,121	753,553	889,083
PERCENT CHANGE		7.5	2.7	6.6	12.0	9.1	11.7	9.7	8.9
5 MONTHS	1989	2,021,025	545,848	2,566,873	1,979,280	188,228	2,167,508	4,000,305	4,734,381
5 MONTHS	1988	1,897,923	537,897	2,435,820	1,707,033	173,604	1,880,637	3,604,956	4,316,457
PERCENT CHANGE		6.5	1.5	5.4	15.9	8.4	15.3	11.0	9.7

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : Eastern May numbers are estimated